

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 3 May 65 04/0125Z	2. LOCATION Chesapeake, Virginia
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION SATELLITE (ECHO I)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 4 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Round star-like object. Observed near to stars. Observation at 40 deg elevation 160 deg azimuth. Disappeared at 20 deg elevation 160 deg azimuth. Flight lasted four minutes, during which time the observer reported that the object moved 80 deg downward and to the West very slowly then shifted to the East still moving downward for about 8 deg and then straight down until it was at 20 deg elevation 160 deg azimuth. At this point the object either flared up or burst. Use 7X35 BX.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE 160 degrees	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	COMMENTS: Motion as reported does not correlate with positions of disappearance etc. Description of the object resembles a satellite Motion regarded as an illusion. Disappearance attributed to passing into the Earth's shadow. ECHO I was at 35 deg N, 75 deg W at the reported time of the observation in position to be observed. Duration and description as well as the reported position at time of observation and disappearance consistent with ECHO I disappearance consistent with ECHO I passage. Erratic motion only conflicting
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

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**HEADQUARTERS
4500TH AIR BASE WING
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, VIRGINIA 23365**



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: DO/2711

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object

12 May 1965

TO: AFSC (FTD)
Wright-Patterson AFB,
Ohio 45433

1. The following information is presented as directed by paragraph 14, AFR 200-2:

a. Description of the Object:

- (1) Round, star-like in shape.
- (2) About the size of a dime held in the hand at arms length.
- (3) Silver in color changing to a reddish orange.

(4) One

(5) N/A

(6) Non

(7) Non

(s) Non

(9) No remarks

b. Description of Course of Object:

- (1) The close proximity of two bright stars and the apparent movement with relation to a tree in the backyard.
- (2) Approximately 40 degree elevation and 160 degree azimuth (see Atch #1).
- (3) Approximately 20 degree elevation and 160 degree azimuth
- (4) Appeared to move downward and to the west very slowly for about 80 degrees then shifted toward the east, still moving downward for about 8 degrees then appeared to move straight down until about 20 degree elevation.

(5) The object either flared up or burst at approximately 20-degree elevation and disappeared.

(6) The object was visible for 4 minutes from time of sighting.

c. Manner of Observation:

- (1) Ground-visual
- (2) Binoculars were used - 7 x 35
- (3) N/A

d. Time and Date of Sighting:

- (1) 4/0125Z
- (2) Night

e. Location of Observer:

- (1) [REDACTED], Chesapeake, Virginia

f. Identifying Information on Observer:

(1) Civilian - Mr. [REDACTED] - about 30 - [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], Self-employed, Chesapeake, Virginia.

(2) Mr. Etheridge seems well informed and quite factual in his reports. I consider him to be reliable.

g. Weather and Winds - Aloft Conditions at Time and Place of Sightings:

- (1) Clear, with unlimited visibility.

(2) Surface	6,000	10,000	19,000	24,000
220/17	240/12	280/16	340/16	33/16
30,000	40,000			
340/21	550/39			

- (3) There was no ceiling
- (4) Unlimited visibility
- (5) 2/10 - high thin overcast
- (6) None
- (7) Two degrees per 1000'

h. Any other unusual activity or condition: None

i. Interception or identification action taken: Negative

j. Location, approximate altitude, and general direction:

(1) The location of sighting falls within the boundary of Navy warning area 72. A preliminary check with Naval Air Operations at Norfolk Naval Air Station, Virginia; the Naval Cape Coordinator for the 4th and 5th Naval Districts; NASA Wallops Station; SW4 Lant at Norfolk, and two Marine Air Wings at Cherry Point, indicated no illumination activity in the area at the time of sighting.

k. Position title and comments of the preparing officer:

(1) Captain Thomas E. Cauley, Controller, 4500 Air Base Wing Command Post.

(2) "It is my conclusion, from the description of the object, the data collected, the time element involved, the description of the disappearance, the drift of the object in different directions, and the occurrence within a known firing range, that the object was a para-flare or similar weapon released at altitude. Echo 1 was observed over this area at approximately the same time and date."

1. Existence of physical evidence: There were no photographs or physical evidence.

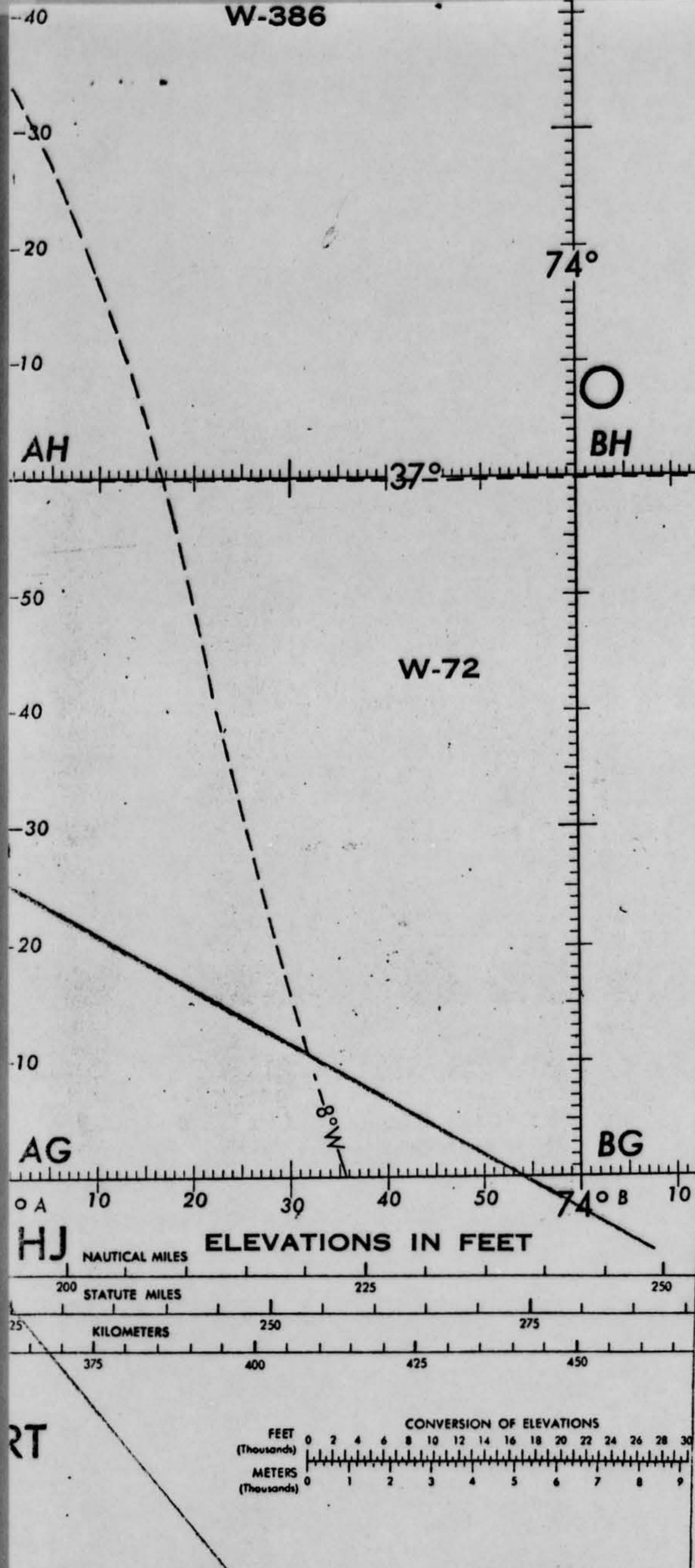
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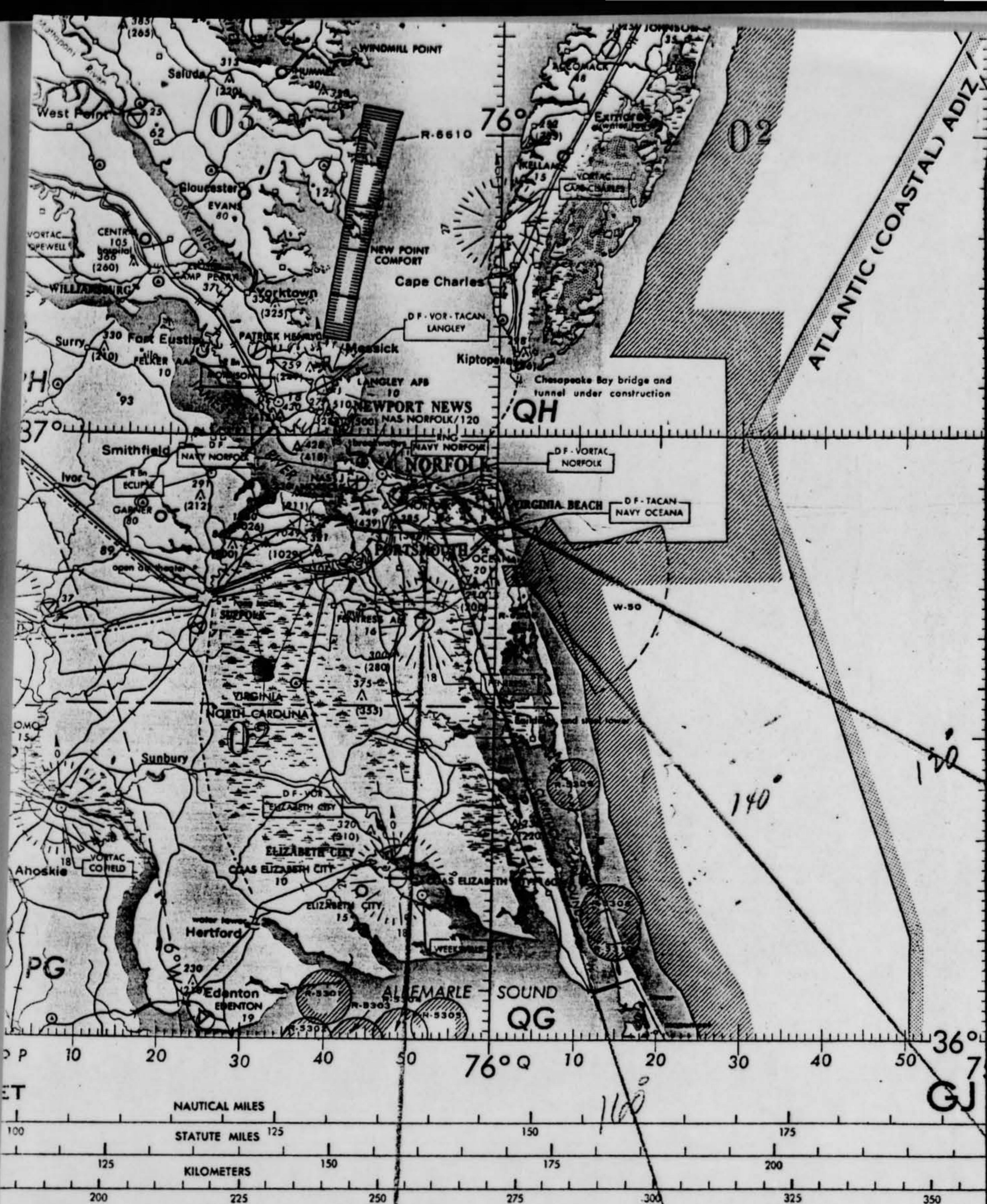
G. M. FORSTER
Lt Col, USAF
Deputy Commander for Operations

1 Atch a/s

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429 min
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